

THE GAZETTE.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

JUNE 10, 1888.

TO THE REPUBLICAN ELECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES: In accordance with usage and precedent, the instructions of the national convention of 1884, a national convention of the republican party will be held at the city of Chicago, Ill., on Tuesday, the 10th day of June, 1888, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for President and Vice President to be supported at the next national election, and for the transaction of such other business as may be there presented.

Republican electors in the several states, and voters without regard to past political affiliation, differences of opinion as to the merits of the American principle of a protective tariff for the defense and development of home industries and the elevation of home labor; who would reduce the national taxes and prevent the accumulation of the surplus in the treasury in harmony with this principle, who are opposed to the attempt now more openly avowed than ever before to establish a policy which would strike down American labor to the level of the under-paid and oppressed workers of foreign lands; who favor a system of naval and coast defense which will enable the United States to conduct its international negotiations with self-respect; who gratefully cherish the defenders of the country; who condemn and resent the continued and unjust exclusion of rapidly growing territories, which have an indisputable title to admission into the union; who are in favor of free schools and popular education, a free and honest ballot and a fair count, the protection of every citizen of the United States in his legal rights at home and abroad, a foreign policy that shall extend our trade and commerce to every land and climate, and shall properly support the dignity of the nation and the promotion of friendly and harmonious relations and intercourse between all the states, are cordially invited to unite under this call in the formation of a national ticket.

Delegates will be entitled to four delegates at large, and for each representative at large two delegates, and each congressional district shall elect one delegate. The delegates-at-large shall be chosen by popular vote, and shall be called in not less than thirty days before the meeting of the national convention. The congressional district delegates shall be chosen in the same manner as the nomination of a member of congress is made in said districts. The total number of delegates shall be chosen in the same manner as the nomination of delegates in congress is made. The delegates from the District of Columbia shall be chosen in a convention consisting of members elected in the primary election of the district, and shall be called in not less than thirty days before the meeting of the national convention. An alternate delegate for each district in the national convention to act in case of the absence of the delegate, shall be elected in the same manner and at the same time as the delegate is elected.

All notices of conventions must be filed with the national committee in writing, accompanied by printed statements of the grounds of contests which shall be made public. Preference in the order of hearing and determining contests will be given by the convention in accordance with the dates of filing of such notices and statements with the national committee. B. F. JONES, Chairman. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. Washington, Dec. 9, 1887.

HOW REFORM IS PROGRESSING.

The speech which Senator Hale delivered in the senate last week was a masterly showing up of the false pretences of the administration in regard to civil service reform. Mr. Hale quotes from an interview with Mr. Cleveland, published in Boston in 1885, in which Mr. Cleveland is represented as saying:

"I have tried to be true to my own pledges and the pledges of my party. We both promised to divorce the offices of the country from being used from party services."

What are the facts and how do they compare with Mr. Cleveland's statements made in Boston? The figures which show the number of political changes from the inauguration of Cleveland to June 11, 1887, are a most damning exhibit of partisanship ever known in this country. At the date named, it should be remembered, the administration had been in power only a little more than two years. Here are the figures:

Offices. Number. Change. Fourth-class postmasters.....32,000 40,000 Presidential postmasters.....2,570 2,000 Foreign ministers.....21 12 Secretaries of legations.....11 10 Collectors of customs.....111 100 Surveyors of customs.....82 41 Naval officers.....6 50 Appraisers.....36 34 Mint and assay office superintendents.....13 11 Internal revenue collectors.....85 84 District inspectors.....11 6 Territorial judges.....20 22 Territorial governors.....9 41 Pension agents.....18 15 Surveyors-general.....11 10 Local land officers.....224 190 Indian inspectors and special agents.....10 9 Indian agents.....50 51 Land office special agents.....83 70

Although this sweep is tremendous, it does not include all the changes, for it does not touch the clerical force of the government. "The investigations of last summer into the workings of the Philadelphia postoffice and the federal offices in Chicago showed that the number of changes was great, and that by some mysterious process only demerits found their way into the recent places. As an example of what has been going on in the custom house in New York, we may note a table that was published some weeks ago in the New York Star, which exultingly claimed that before long none but democrats would be on guard there. This showed that between January 1 and December 1, 1887, there were 252 new appointments to subordinate places in the New York custom house, or about one for every working day."

Mr. Hale is not through with the charges against the administration. He proposes to follow up the removals to the beginning of the present year, which will make a startling exhibit of "pernicious activity" in putting democrats in offices under the pretence of carrying out civil service reform.

MR. CASWELL'S OPINION.

A dispatch from Washington to the Milwaukee Sentinel quotes an opinion from Congressmen Caswell, of this district, in regard to the chances of a tariff bill passing the present congress. He says the question as follows: "The whole

question will drag along here in the house until next August, and nothing will be done. One proposition after another will be brought out and retired. Randall is just strong enough on his side of the house to thwart all the attempts of the administration members to get a general tariff bill to a vote. At the last minute there will be a spasmodic movement to pass a short tariff bill and send it over to the senate. Probably a dozen articles would be affected by such a bill—sugar would go on the free list; salt, lumber, hemp and the tobacco tax would be removed, but I don't believe that this house would dare send such a bill to the senate, and I think that the attempt in that direction will fail. It was by sending a short tariff bill to the senate in 1883 that the house put itself into the power of the senate, and a general bill came back which we were finally obliged to pass. As long as the senate cannot originate tariff legislation, and the democratic majority in the house is divided on this question, it is reasonable to expect that no tariff bill will pass this year."

THE BLIZZARD.

The Severest Storm on Record Throughout the West and Northwest.

Over Two Hundred Persons Perish in the Storm of Friday and Saturday.

Yesterday's Extreme Temperature was Brimard, Minn., 52 Below, and New Orleans 66 Above Zero.

DEATH IN THE STORM.

(Special to the Gazette.)

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 16.—Reports have been received by the Evening Mail up to twelve o'clock to-day, from all telegraphic stations throughout the west and northwestern country, giving details of the great storm of Friday and Saturday and of the cold wave which followed in the blizzard's wake. The reports show that the total loss of life in Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Colorado, Arkansas, Missouri, Wisconsin and Illinois will number two hundred. Information from the remote parts of the country away from railway and telegraph stations are very meagre, and it is certain that many fatal cases of freezing are as yet unreported. Stock has suffered greatly throughout the entire west. The extreme range of temperature Sunday in the United States was 74 degrees, the temperature at Brimard, Minnesota, being 58 degrees below zero, and at New Orleans, Louisiana, 66 degrees above zero.

SCORES KILLED BY DEATH.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—The great storm which swept over the entire country from the Northwest last week has been followed by a freeze the like of which has not been known since the memorable winter of 1894. The area of unusual cold has been general, extending from the extreme northern line of telegraphic communication as far south as the Gulf States.

Extreme suffering is reported from all directions, especially in Minnesota, Dakota, Montana and Nebraska, where many lives have been lost. In Kansas thousands are suffering from both the cold and food, and in some counties aid is needed to save many from actual starvation. The storm, while of course less severe in Arkansas, Texas and other Southern States, still found the people there unprepared for it, and much suffering resulted. Crops and live stock have everywhere suffered more or less.

Saturday night's dispatches indicated that many people had been frozen to death, particularly in Minnesota, Nebraska and the Northwest Territories. Sunday night's reports swelled the death-roll by the following numbers in the States and Territories named:

Minnesota.....12
Nebraska.....10
Dakota.....12
Montana.....2

Total.....36

All the dispatches indicate that the death lists are still far from complete. The figures given include only the fatalities reported up to yesterday, and many others are doubtless yet unreported. The storm recalls by its terrible results in the loss of life the blizzard which swept Minnesota January 7, 8 and 9, 1875. In that storm seventy people were frozen to death and thousands of dollars' worth of property was destroyed.

The death list, so far as reported, is as follows:

In Dakota—Eli Gilbertson at Fitchburg; a Sioux Falls man, two sons of William Driver at Raymond; two Mitchell boys, Emma and John; Fred Lill, near Westport; Mrs. Curtis at Delmar; Mr. Davis and son, W. H. at Jackson; Rowland Chambers, Mr. K. O'Connor and James Newman at Huron; Frank and William Nelson at Virgil; Mueger, near Mitchell; an unknown man, near Arden; a farmer and two of his sons at Virgil; a boy named John, near Fulk; Mrs. Devine, Adam Gerner and J. W. Joslin at Irondale; George Allen and Joseph Anderson at Mitchell; four farmers, two Bridgewater men, Emil Gilman, Lewis Merriam and son at Fitchburg; Miss Jacobson, Olga, a German girl, three unknown men, two children of Joseph Hutchinson, three French people, two unknown girls, Jacob Krutz, an unknown teacher, J. Paine at Huron; J. H. Bessley at Jackson; Wm. Lohman, four school children, James Smith and two sons at Mitchell.

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In Missouri—John Loy at Luverne; Mrs. Kautz, near Albert Lea, Otta Ridge.

In Iowa—Two children of Mrs. Fitzgerald at Inwood; two boys, an unknown man at Sioux City.

question will drag along here in the house until next August, and nothing will be done. One proposition after another will be brought out and retired. Randall is just strong enough on his side of the house to thwart all the attempts of the administration members to get a general tariff bill to a vote. At the last minute there will be a spasmodic movement to pass a short tariff bill and send it over to the senate. Probably a dozen articles would be affected by such a bill—sugar would go on the free list; salt, lumber, hemp and the tobacco tax would be removed, but I don't believe that this house would dare send such a bill to the senate, and I think that the attempt in that direction will fail. It was by sending a short tariff bill to the senate in 1883 that the house put itself into the power of the senate, and a general bill came back which we were finally obliged to pass. As long as the senate cannot originate tariff legislation, and the democratic majority in the house is divided on this question, it is reasonable to expect that no tariff bill will pass this year."

THE BLIZZARD.

The Severest Storm on Record Throughout the West and Northwest.

Over Two Hundred Persons Perish in the Storm of Friday and Saturday.

Yesterday's Extreme Temperature was Brimard, Minn., 52 Below, and New Orleans 66 Above Zero.

DEATH IN THE STORM.

(Special to the Gazette.)

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 16.—Reports have been received by the Evening Mail up to twelve o'clock to-day, from all telegraphic stations throughout the west and northwestern country, giving details of the great storm of Friday and Saturday and of the cold wave which followed in the blizzard's wake. The reports show that the total loss of life in Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Colorado, Arkansas, Missouri, Wisconsin and Illinois will number two hundred. Information from the remote parts of the country away from railway and telegraph stations are very meagre, and it is certain that many fatal cases of freezing are as yet unreported. Stock has suffered greatly throughout the entire west. The extreme range of temperature Sunday in the United States was 74 degrees, the temperature at Brimard, Minnesota, being 58 degrees below zero, and at New Orleans, Louisiana, 66 degrees above zero.

SCORES KILLED BY DEATH.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—The great storm which swept over the entire country from the Northwest last week has been followed by a freeze the like of which has not been known since the memorable winter of 1894. The area of unusual cold has been general, extending from the extreme northern line of telegraphic communication as far south as the Gulf States.

Extreme suffering is reported from all directions, especially in Minnesota, Dakota, Montana and Nebraska, where many lives have been lost. In Kansas thousands are suffering from both the cold and food, and in some counties aid is needed to save many from actual starvation. The storm, while of course less severe in Arkansas, Texas and other Southern States, still found the people there unprepared for it, and much suffering resulted. Crops and live stock have everywhere suffered more or less.

Saturday night's dispatches indicated that many people had been frozen to death, particularly in Minnesota, Nebraska and the Northwest Territories. Sunday night's reports swelled the death-roll by the following numbers in the States and Territories named:

Minnesota.....12
Nebraska.....10
Dakota.....12
Montana.....2

Total.....36

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